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	FIRST LADY
	HARDEN
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THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20201

February 25, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM JOE CALIFANO *J.C.*

For your information, I enclose a copy of the letter I send to Chairman Flood last week setting forth our position on abortion. I see no need to go beyond that.

Enclosure



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20201

February 22, 1978

The Honorable Daniel J. Flood
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health,
Education & Welfare
Committee on Appropriations
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20215

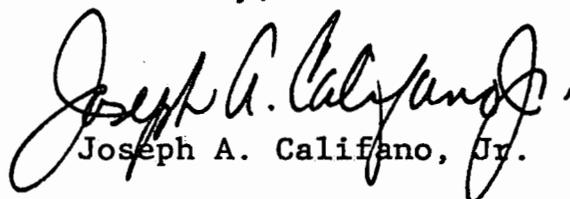
Dear Mr. Chairman:

At the hearings today on the HEW Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1979, your committee requested that I put in writing the Administration's views with respect to Federal funding of abortions.

As I stated during the hearings, we believe that, as a matter of public policy, Federal funding of abortions should be restricted to two situations: first, where a doctor certifies that in his or her opinion the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term; and second, for the victims of rape or incest, where such rape or incest has been reported promptly to a law enforcement agency or a health facility which is an agency of the Federal, State, or local government. In the case of rape or incest, we believe that present law requires the 60 days specified in the regulation as the period Congress intended for prompt reporting. In order to reduce the potential for fraud and abuse, it may be advisable to reduce that period to a shorter period of time. (As I indicated before the subcommittee, to comply with the rigorous enforcement requirement contained in the statute, we have issued detailed instructions and will conduct meticulous audits.)

As provided under the current law and under the 1977 law, Federal funding should be permitted for drugs or devices to prevent implantation of the fertilized ovum and for medical procedures necessary to terminate an ectopic pregnancy.

Sincerely,


Joseph A. Califano, Jr.

cc: Subcommittee Members